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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 28, 2008, the period of time for reply being extended by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: